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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS



Claims 4-9 are allowed; claims 10 and 14-18 have been canceled; and claims 11-13 have been amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 10 from which they originally depended.

The new matter objection, which referred to an addition made to claim 1 (re-numbered as 15), has been overcome by the cancellation of claim 15.

Further, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in item 8 on page 8 of the Official Action that claims 11-13 are allowable. Applicants have therefore restricted the application to allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this is a full and complete response to the Office Action. For the reasons discussed above, applicants now respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in complete condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn; and that claims 4-9 and 11-13 be allowed in their present form.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims an/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the

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case be passed to issue.

Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
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